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Subject: New no Morse HF privileges for the Technician class licensees

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Now that the international requirement of Morse code proficiency for all HF licensees has evaporated, I believe that it would be prudent and wise to allow the current technician class licensees a taste of HF operating privileges. I think that technician class licensees should still be encouraged to upgrade their licenses and thus I propose a limited privilege for them in the HF spectrum. Allowing Technician licensees CW privileges in HF would encourage Technician class licensees to upgrade to General class because it would give them a "practice" area in which to bring up their Morse code efficiency to the point where an upgrade is within reach. Because of the distance that these frequencies allow for transmission over, the effect of these privileges would be more powerful than that of the current VHF and above privileges that the Technician license class currently enjoys with regards to incentive for upgrading.

I therefore propose the following privileges for the Technician class licensees:

80 Meters:	3675-3725kHz	CW only
	3850-3900kHz	CW Phone and Image
40 Meters:	7100-7150kHz	CW only
	7225-7300kHz	CW Phone and Image
15 Meters:	21,100-21,200kHz	CW only
10 Meters:	28,100-28,300kHz	CW, RTTY and Data
	28,300-28,500kHz	CW and SSB

Note also that these proposed privileges for Technician class licensees would eliminate the difference between the current Technician+ class and Technician class licensees in the HF band. This would be in keeping with the new three-license class structure recently established by the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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